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Dear Mr. Caton:

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Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Gerard A. Turro, licensee of FM translator stations W276AQ, Ft. Lee, New Jersey, and W232AL, Pomona, New York, are an original and four copies of his "Opposition of Gerard A. Turro to Petition to Deny." This Opposition is filed with respect to a petition to deny filed September 8, 1996 by Universal Broadcasting of New York, Inc. with respect to applications to assign the licenses for the two translators to Press Broadcasting Company, Inc.

In the event there are any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Arthur B. Goodkind

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In re Application of)	
)	File Nos.
GERARD A. TURRO)	
FM Translator Stations W276AQ,)	
Fort Lee, NJ, and W232AL,)	
Pomona, NY)	
)	
For Assignment of Licenses)	
To: Chief, Mass Media Bureau		

OPPOSITION OF GERARD A. TURRO TO PETITION TO DENY

Gerard A. Turro, by his attorneys, hereby files his opposition to the petition to deny filed September 18, 1996 by Universal Broadcasting of New York, Inc. ("Universal") against the above-captioned applications.

Insofar as its petition is directed against Mr. Turro,

Universal repeats, without verification or further support, the

same allegations Universal previously made in the ex parte

complaint it originally filed on February 15, 1995. Mr. Turro

has previously responded to those allegations and has supported

his response with a detailed engineering statement prepared by

his communications consulting engineer, Herman E. Hurst, Jr. Mr.

Turro believes that he has addressed all factual issues raised by

Universal, but stands ready to provide any further information

the Commission may request. We do not propose to respond again here to the same allegations to which Mr. Turro has already responded.

In its letter of April 5, 1996, the Commission "rescinded" a position taken in a 1991 letter from the Commission to Mr. Turro. On the basis of his understanding of the Commission's 1991 letter, Mr. Turro had made very substantial investments in his present network service. Although we believe that there is a strong basis for challenging the Commission's rescission of its 1991 authorization, see Fox Television Stations. Inc. 78 RR 2d 1294, 1299 (1995); Melody Music, Inc. v. FCC, 345 F.2d 730 (1965), Mr. Turro has nonetheless placed before the Commission an application that complies fully with the Commission's changed 1996 position. Upon grant of the application, Mr. Turro will wholly sever his connection with the Pomona and Fort Lee translators and will assign their licenses to an entity with

which Mr. Turro has and will have no connection. We respectfully request that the Commission grant these applications promptly.

Respectfully submitted

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I, Phillis Merriett, a secretary in the law offices of Koteen & Naftalin, hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing "Opposition of Gerard A. Turro to Petition to Deny" have been served upon the following via first-class, postage prepaid, United States mail, this 2nd day of October 1996:

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